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Congressman Akin Votes for Resolution Condemning Iran for Violating Nuclear Nonproliferation Obligations

Washington, DC- The House of Representatives today passed a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for violating its international nuclear nonproliferation obligations and expressing support for efforts to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council. Congressman Akin (R-MO), a member of the House Armed Services Committee voted in favor of the resolution.

"Iran developing a nuclear weapon is contrary to world stability and is unacceptable," said Akin. "It is hard to imagine a country that would pose a greater threat as a nuclear power."

The resolution noted that:

In an October 26, 2005 speech, President of Iran Mahmoud Ahmadinejad expressed his hope for 'a world without America' and his desire 'to wipe Israel off the map' and has subsequently denied the existence of the Holocaust.

On January 3, 2006, the Government of Iran announced that it planned to restart its nuclear research.

In January 2006, Iranian officials, in the presence of IAEA inspectors began to remove IAEA seals from the enrichment facility in Natanz, Iran.